

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

11201 Renner Boulevard Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Article Number: 7014 1200 0000 6123 0696

Mr. Jody Anderson Plant Manager Big Ox Energy – Siouxland, LLC 1616 D Avenue Dakota City, Nebraska 68731

RE: Big Ox Energy – Siouxland, LLC

Case Number: 19NE1113

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On November 13 and 14, representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 inspected your Dakota City, Nebraska facility. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with the Clean Air Act section 112r, specifically with the Risk Management Program, 40 CFR Part 68, General Duty Clause, The Emergency Planning Community – Right – To Know Act, as well as other applicable statutes and regulations. Please find enclosed a hard copy of the inspection report and a disc containing a copy of the documents collected during the inspection.

The questions below are provided to assist you if you choose to submit a written response to the EPA regarding the preliminary findings identified in the inspection report. This is an opportunity for you to provide to the EPA any information that you believe is relevant to these preliminary findings and your efforts to return to compliance with the regulatory requirements. The EPA will consider information submitted by you in determining our enforcement response to the findings identified at your facility.

The following types of information assist the EPA in determining whether your facility has satisfactorily addressed the findings:

- 1. Description of any actions taken by your facility to correct the findings identified in the inspection report and/or a schedule for completing the necessary corrective actions for each numbered finding, including the date the finding was corrected.
- 2. Photos of corrected findings, where applicable (for example, photographs of properly labeled piping), indicating the number of the finding to which the photo corresponds.
- 3. If applicable, any receipt, bill of sale, authorization for expenditure, or paid-in-full notification to verify that findings were corrected, indicating the number of the finding to which this documentation corresponds.

4. If different or new procedures are put in place to prevent the same or similar findings, descriptions of those procedures.

If you wish to submit information to the EPA, please mail your response to:

Amber Whisnant AWMD/CORP U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 11201 Renner Blvd. Lenexa, Kansas 66219

The EPA encourages you to take prompt action to ensure that the violations are corrected and that you remain in compliance in the future. Please be aware that the EPA reserves its right to pursue appropriate enforcement actions, including penalties, for findings discovered as a result of the inspection, regardless of whether the findings were subsequently corrected. Please note that penalties may continue to accrue as long as the violations remain uncorrected.

A Case Review Officer will be assigned to your case shortly. Until that time, if there are any questions regarding this report or actions that you may want to take, please contact me at (913) 551-7212 or at Whisnant.Amber@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Wilfredo Rosado-Chaparro

Acting Branch Chief

Chemical & Oil Release Prevention Branch

Air and Waste Management Division

Enclosure